Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

November 20, 2003

The President The White House Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

As advocates for a strong international trade agenda, we urge you to eliminate the Section 201 steel tariffs at the earliest opportunity. Removing these tariffs will provide important momentum to the efforts to break down the barriers to free trade worldwide.

A strong global trading system is critical to America's economic prosperity and global competitiveness. Your Administration is wisely pursuing a trade agenda that will hopefully provide enormous opportunities to open new markets for America's goods, services, and farm products. As the United States Trade Representative has stated, the elimination of global tariffs worldwide would "benefit the average American family of four with an extra \$1,600 a year, while also removing high foreign tariff barriers on more than \$670 billion in U.S. industrial and consumer goods exports." In order to keep America economically strong, our free trade agenda must succeed.

While there is a consensus in this country in support of free trade, your leadership is necessary for this to continue. If the steel tariffs remain in place, America's trade agenda will lose support domestically and abroad. This will only serve to undermine our burgeoning economic recovery. By completely eliminating the Section 201 steel tariffs, you can send a signal to American consumers and our trading partners that the United States stands proudly as the world's leader in advancing trade liberalization.

For the sake of our economy and to rejuvenate our trade agenda, we urge you to completely eliminate the steel tariffs.

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